



*A National Dialogue on Housing and Finance*

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**National, Iowa Leaders Announce First-in-the-Nation Bipartisan “Building America” Housing Summit  
Presidential forum to be held in Des Moines**

CORALVILLE, Iowa – Iowa Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds and Iowa Finance Authority Director Dave Jamison today joined a group of top Iowa and national housing industry officials at the 2015 HousingIowa Conference to announce plans for a first-in-the-nation presidential summit on housing issues to be held in Des Moines on October 14-15.

The summit, titled “Building America: A National Dialogue on Housing and Finance”, will be hosted by the Iowa Finance Authority, the National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies and the Iowa Association of Realtors. The two-day event will feature leading national voices discussing federal housing and economic policy as well as provide an opportunity for 2016 presidential candidates from both parties to share their views on housing policy in a series of moderated discussions.

“Housing is one of the leading drivers of the American economy, but is often absent in the larger national debate over economic policies and long-term community stability and prosperity,” said Iowa Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds. “We are fortunate in Iowa to have an opportunity to engage national leaders on these important issues.”

“This event will provide an unprecedented opportunity for presidential candidates to speak simultaneously to a national audience about these critical community issues while also directly and personally engaging thousands of potential Iowa Caucus attendees,” said Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director Dave Jamison.

Jamison thanked the leadership of the National Association of Local Housing Finance Authorities (NALHFA) and the Iowa Association of Realtors for their partnership and adding a national dimension to the Building America Summit.

“Impediments to home ownership and housing affordability remain significant and demand the focus and attention of our candidates. The Building America Summit is an opportunity for Presidential candidates to showcase their ideas and plans for housing recovery,” said Jason Boehlert, Executive Director of the National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies. “NALHFA is excited to be part of a conversation that will begin here in Iowa. This should be the start of a continuing dialogue candidates have on the importance of housing, the vital role it plays in revitalizing our economy, and how each plans to sustain the American dream for all.”

Jamison said the Building America Summit provides an opportunity to hear bipartisan approaches to solving housing and finance challenges for both rural and urban communities alike. He noted that the event has a politically and geographically diverse advisory committee comprised of state housing authority leaders from Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Tennessee.

“The Iowa Association of Realtors is the leading advocate for more than 6,800 real estate professionals in Iowa,” said Dave Bert, CEO of the Iowa Association of Realtors. “Our members are the fabric of hometowns throughout Iowa and represent all facets of the industry. We’re proud to co-sponsor this extraordinary opportunity to discuss important housing issues with 2016 presidential candidates.”

Jamison noted the event will have broad support from leading Iowa organizations and housing stakeholder communities, providing an audience of thousands of active and engaged Iowans for participating candidates and officials.

## **Event Facts**

### **What:**

Building America: A National Discussion on Housing and Finance

### **When:**

October 14-15, 2015

### **Where:**

Iowa Events Center, Des Moines, Iowa

### **Who:**

Presidential candidates

Leading state and federal housing officials

National housing industry officials, including state agency directors

Iowa Community Leaders

### **The Issue:**

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### **Website:**

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